

No Place for Hate Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2017 5:30 PM

120 Washington Street, 3rd Floor

Members: Fawaz Abusharkh, Joe Amico, Jim Bostick, Jeff Cohen, Rebecca Comage, Lucy Corchado, David Eppley, Fara Wolfson

Guests: Shimon Avish, Councillor Steve Dibble, Freshlyn Garcia-Gonzales, Noah Koretz, Kathy Lique, Kevin Lynch, Dayza Mata, Emma Miles, Ismael M, Angelica N, Isabella Presinal, Debbie Schneider, Lenny Tejada,

Welcome and Introductions at 5:30 PM.

Public/Committee Member Comment

- Hispanic Heritage Month event. Interfaith Service Father Romero will be preaching at Tabernacle Church at 10:00 AM on Sunday, October 1st. Father Romero will soon be leaving to serve

Officer Reports:

Chair: Next Meeting (October 3rd) Immigration Workshop with a panel including Steve Dwyer, Ana Nuncio, Alexandra Pinero-Shields, Jeff Gross, Aaron/Abby from High Rock. Discussed format of meeting

Vice Chair/Clerk: Social Justice Book Group immediately following our meeting. Ana Nuncio will facilitate our discussion of Edwidge Danticat's *Mama's Nightingale*.

Treasurer: Reviewed Financials (\$2381.85 in budget. Expenses/shirt sales National Night Out/Bridgin' Gaps).

Hispanic Heritage Month Schedule Reviewed. Began with Flag Raising on September 15th and in addition to Interfaith service mentioned earlier events include Salsa night, Unsung Community Heroes

Guest Speaker: Kevin Lynch (Salem Horror)

- John Carpenter said, "Horror is not a genre, it's a reaction...capturing our fears and anxiety."
- 34-35 events with Gay, Black, Feminist, Xenophobia, Media manipulation themes,, partnered with great organizations and businesses in town, Reviewed calendar and summarized some of the films, their relevance and implications.
- Roger Ebert "movies are empathy machines... [they] allow us to see life from another perspective."
- Offered tickets to committee NP4H promo code will get tickets 50% off (salemhorror.com)

Salem State Liaison University update from Rebecca Comage

* September 26 Tim Wise workshop primarily for faculty and students but open to the public “Beyond Diversity: Steps for Uprooting Racism, Privilege and Institutional Inequity”... (11:00 – 12:30) and second event at 6:00 PM. His works include *White Like Me*, *Between Barack and a Hard Place*...

Public Comment:

- Language on Ballot Ordinance/Yes on 1/Salem is for Everyone
- Reviewed what is on the ballot on November
- Voter registration currently very Wednesday at 135 Lafayette, other times at Market Basket
- You can register through October 18th
- Double-check to confirm that you are on voter roll)
- Capitalize on opportunities to learn more and talk about it
- Best way to cast a meaningful vote is to READ the initiative, read about the candidates.
- Ordinance is available online
- Students discussed service learning projects for Salem Academy Charter School students (Point Neighborhood Association is looking for someone to develop a Facebook page)
- Punto Urban Art Museum Block Party September 30th needs staff table
- Interfaith community working on Opioid Crisis/Opioid Safe injection sites.
- Dan Schuman (Salem Cycle) presented a check for \$400 to NP4H from the Witches Cup event.
- Please keep Puerto Rico in your hearts, your thoughts, your prayers.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM